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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

Ralf OTTO et al.)

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Group Art Unit: ~~Unknown~~)

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REAGENT CONTAINERS)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification with reference to its numbered lines as follows:

Page 1, lines 1-3, delete in their entirety;

before line 6, insert in the center of the page -- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION -- and directly below, at the left-hand margin, insert -- Field of the Invention --; and

line 12, insert at the left-hand margin -- Description of the Related Art --.

Page 2, line 24, insert in the center of the page -- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --.

Page 3, line 22, change "shows" to -- is an isometric view of a first embodiment

of--;

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